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118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Public Health Service Acts to make community colleges eligible to participate in the Nurse Education, Practice, Quality, and Retention–Pathway to Registered Nurse Program, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CISCOMANI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Grants for Resources  
5 in Occupational and Workforce Training for Healthcare  
6 Act of 2023” or the “GROWTH Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. PARTICIPATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN THE**  
2 **NURSE EDUCATION, PRACTICE, QUALITY,**  
3 **AND RETENTION-PATHWAY TO REGISTERED**  
4 **NURSE PROGRAM.**

5 (a) **ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE.**—Section 831(f) of  
6 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296p(f)) is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 “(f) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this section:

9 “(1) The term ‘eligible entity’ includes—

10 “(A) a school of nursing;

11 “(B) a junior or community college;

12 “(C) a health care facility, such as a Fed-  
13 erally qualified health center or nurse-managed  
14 health clinic; and

15 “(D) a partnership of such a school or col-  
16 lege and such a facility.

17 “(2) The term ‘junior or community college’  
18 means—

19 “(A) a public institution of higher edu-  
20 cation, including additional locations, at which  
21 the highest awarded degree, or the predomi-  
22 nantly awarded degree, is an associate degree;  
23 or

24 “(B) any Tribal College or University (as  
25 defined in section 316 of the Higher Education  
26 Act of 1965).”.

1 (b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Section 831 of the  
2 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296p), as amended,  
3 is further amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(g) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Of the total amount  
5 awarded to eligible entities under this section for a fiscal  
6 year, the Secretary shall, with respect to a portion of such  
7 total amount to be determined by the Secretary, not to  
8 exceed 50 percent of such total amount, give priority to  
9 eligible entities that are—

10 “(1) a junior or community college with an ex-  
11 isting nursing program; or

12 “(2) a partnership referred to in subsection  
13 (f)(1)(D).”.